

## Warm up games:

Use physical activities which connect the body with the breath and voice. Use as much imagery, freedom and fun as possible!

### Plasticine Person (Sharon Durant)

Teacher and pupils pretend to model an imaginary lump of plasticine into the shape of a little person.

Use two fingers of right hand extended downwards to represent Plasticine Person walking.

Teacher tells the story in words. All **mime**..... make the sound effects....



“Plasticine Person walks up to a tall building” (‘Doo-ty doo-ty doo-ty doo-ty doo-ty doo’)

“(S)He presses the bell for the lift” (high pitched ‘ding’)

“(S)He goes up the lift” (All start with a low ‘nnnggg’ or ‘aaahhh’ sliding to high)

(‘Ding’)

“Plasticine Person can do what (s)he likes.... So..... (s)he jumps out of the window!”

(Weee

eee

eee

eeee

**SPLAT!...**

(clap hands and shout)

“(S)He pulls himself together” (Make slurping/sucking noise)

Ask the children to suggest further adventures each accompanied by a different noise. Keep going back to the beginning and re-telling the story through the mimes and sound effects. Next week, after (s)he’s been up the lift, (s)he can go on different adventures!

### Boom Chicka Boom (from Sing for Pleasure. Tune by Sharon Durant)

Call and response:

I said a Boom Chicka Boom

I said a Boom Chicka Boom

I said a Boom Chicka Rocka Chicka Rocka Chicka Boom

Uh-huh

Ee-hee

One more time

A bit ..... (faster, slower, higher, lower, like a nasty witch, like Elvis, like a baby etc)

## Rubber Chicken

Imagine you have a rubber chicken hanging on to your right hand. Try to shake it off, counting as you go: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Do the same on your left hand, then right foot, then left foot

Repeat the whole process counting to 4, then 2, then 1

Finally everyone shouts 'Rubber Chicken' at the end



## Button Factory - chant

Hello. My name is Jo

And I work in a button factory

And one day my boss came up to me

He said Jo, are you busy? I said no

Well push this button with your right hand

- Left hand
- Right foot
- Left foot
- Head

Hello. My name is Jo and I work in a button factory

And one day my boss came up to me

He said Jo, are you busy? I said YES!

**Throw Catch** (created by Skura from the Eastern Cape of Africa from an exercise from Em Whitfield Brooks). Group are lined up in two lines facing a partner. Each pair uses an imaginary ball to play catch with. Jikeleza is Xhosa for 'turn around'.

Throw catch x3 Jikeleza } x2

Na na na na na na x3 Jikeleza } x2

Catch! (sing last time only)

## Who stole my chickens and my hens

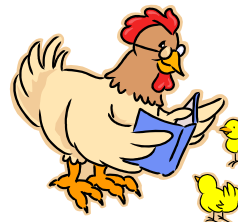
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## Transition times during the day

### **Singing the register (tune of Bobby Shaftoe)**

Emily Johnson                      yes Miss Potter

Harris Jones                      Yes Miss Potter

James Smith                      Yes Miss Potter

**We're all here today**

**We'll all have a lovely day  
While we work and while we play  
Try your best and we will say  
Well done you today**

### **Hello / name song**

Hello everyone, how are you? X3

How are you today?

Hello Jonathan, how are you? Hello Emily, how are you? Hello James, how are you? How are you today?

Very well thank you, how are you? X3

How are you today?

Ahoj (ahoy - Czech) everyone, how are you? X3

How are you today?

Molweni (Xhosa), namaskar (Bengali), ni hao (Mandarin), shalom (Hewbrew), na-mus-thei (Hindi), ciao (Italian), as-salaam-o-aleykum (Islamic), pree-vyet (Russian), zdravo (Serbian), jambo (Swahili),

### **Tidy up time (tune of Farmer's in the den)**

It's time to tidy up, it's time to tidy up, let all put the toys away.

It's time to tidy up

### **Circle time (tune of Frere Jacques)**

Make a circle. Make a circle. Big and round. Big and round

Sit down on your bottoms. Sit down on your bottoms.

With no sound. With no sound

### **Lining up for assembly (tune of London Bridge is falling down)**

Let's stand up and make a line, make a line, make a line

Let's stand up and make a line all together now

Quietly walk down the hall, down the hall, down the hall

Quietly walk down the hall into assembly

### **Goodbye everybody**

Goodbye everybody it's time to go, time to go, time to go

Goodbye everybody it's time to go. We'll sing with you again

**Naka naka hoi** Japanese song learned from Sue Hollingworth

Naka naka hoi x2

Naka sutu sutu naka naka hoi

Sutu sutu hoi x2

Sutu naka naka sutu sutu sutu hoi (note the mirroring between the verses)

**Senwa de Dende** traditional Ghanaian folksong: a mother is calling for her child, using a pet-name

Senwa de Dende, senwa

Senwa de Dende, senwa

Senwa de Dende, senwa de Dende,

senwa de Dende, senwa

**I like the flowers**

I like the flowers. I like the daffodils

I like the mountains. I like the rolling hills

I like the fireside when the lights are low

Singing a doowap a doowap a doowap a doo

I like the ocean. I like the great big waves

I like the starfish. I like the ship that sails

I like the moonlight when the sun sinks low

Singing a doowap a doowap a doowap a doo

**Do anything but throw it away** (Sharon Durant and Eleanor Mooney)

I went into the bathroom. Whatever did I see?

I found some empty toilet rolls waiting there for me

They want to be recycled. Whatever could they be?

A flag pole; a telescope; and it's all for free

*It's amazing what you can find lying around*

*Listen carefully when we say*

*Use your imagination to create a new invention*

*Do anything but throw it away*

I went into the kitchen. Whatever did I see?

I found an empty washing up bottle waiting there for me

It wants to be recycled. Whatever could it be?

A space ship; a rocket; and it's all for free

*Chorus*

*Do anything but throw it away (that's what we say)*

*Do anything but throw it away (now don't delay)*

*Do anything but throw it away (do it today)*

*Do anything but throw it away*

## **Wish** - Bex Mather, Simon Derbyshire

Verse 1 was created through a group devising process with young people from Newcastle based on their wishes for themselves and their family for New Year's Eve 2002. Verse 2 and 3 were created by young people in Live Voices 2003 reflecting their thoughts and feelings surrounding Britain and America's roles within the Iraq war

### Chorus:

Wish, oh wish. Wish you could hear our wishes  
Wish, oh wish. Wish you could hear our wishes  
Wish you could hear us sing our wish for what tomorrow brings  
Wish you could hear us sing our wish for what tomorrow brings

(Dum dum ba da da da. Dum dum ba da da da)  
(Our hopes, our dreams. Gonna wish for a better day)

### Verse 1

Dreams come true. My family and my friends be happy too  
Life's in a spin, it turns me. Being famous and world peace  
Take care of the planet I wish. Realise that we're living this

### Verse 2

Hear us sing. Don't take our lives in your hands  
Think of the love and giving. We want the world still spinning  
With our dreams and wishes we're willing to keep the waterfalls from spilling

### Verse 3

See us stand. Our lives and children are in your hands  
Think of the world tomorrow. We don't want no sorrow  
Stand firm; united we're strong. We're the next generation. We're gonna carry on (carry on ...)

## **Good News - Football Version** adapted from gospel spiritual - Good news chariot's coming - by Claire Tustin and Sam Allen 2002

Good News Shearer's Scoring x3 We've just scored a goal  
1-nil, 1-nil, 1-nil, we've just scored a goal. Ooh England

*Rap: Here comes Shearer on the attack. Bringing it back to the back of the net like that*

Good news Owen's scoring x3 We've just scored a goal  
2-nil, 2-nil, 2-nil, we've just scored a goal. Ooh England

*Rap: And it's Michael Owen, come on Owen keep it going. Out on his own bringing a goal back home*

Oh no Renaldo's scoring x3 Then Ferdinand knocks it clear  
2-nil, 2-nil, 2-nil, then Rio knocks it clear. Ooh England

*Rap: There goes Renaldo. We're gonna concede but the man Ferdinand knocks it clear with his heed*

Good news Beckham's scoring x3 We've just won the match  
3 - nil, 3-nil, 3-nil we've just won the match  
ooh England

It's Beckham's ball and he's beaten them all. Bends it right past the defenders' wall

**Come play my game** - Sharon Durant, Matt Sokell, Josef Stringer

I like playing on B-Boy  
I've locked down all my moves  
Top rock, windmill, airtrack, 90  
I can never lose  
Mum says "Play outside"  
"Get some fresh air in your lungs"  
But there's so much pollution  
I'll risk electrocution  
And besides, it's much more fun  
To play my game

Come play my game x4

It used to be in the old days  
That things were basic then  
Commodore 64, Rambo, Commando  
Were the rage, way back when  
64 bytes was huge  
You had a tape player sounding deranged  
It would be loading up forever  
Then you'd get a syntax error  
So I'm glad that things have changed  
So I can play my game

Come play my game x4

Manic miner, space invaders  
Pac man, donkey Kong and frogger  
Chucky egg, jet set willy  
Lunar rescue, potty pidgeon  
Desert hawk, war of wizards  
Bubble bobble, magic carpet  
Boulder dash, ghost'n Goblins  
Astro chase, bionic granny

Whatever I do, it's never the same  
I cannot switch off until I play my game

Wherever I am, I'm taking my aim  
Controller in hand; I'll always play my game

## Creating your own repertoire

**Clapping round** - add words to make a new chant

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|----|--|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | stamp clap click<br>(fish and chips                          | stamp clap click<br>fish and chips | stamp clap click clap<br>mushy peas with     | stamp clap click<br>fish and chips) |
| 2. | stamp clap clap clap clap_ clap_ x2<br>(I like cappuccino x2 |                                    | stamp clap clap x2<br>cup of tea, cup of tea | stamp clap click<br>bring one now!) |
| 3. | clap slap slap x3<br>(beans on toast x3                      | clap clap clap<br>fish fingers     | clap slap slap x3<br>beans on toast x3       | clap click<br>yum yum)              |

**Change the words** of existing nursery rhymes or songs to fit your needs  
**Forces** (words by Sharon Durant, tune of hokey cokey)

You can squash yourself small, you can stretch up tall  
Small, tall, small, tall and shake yourself about  
Forces are the things that make us move around  
And that's what this song's about

Oh push yourself forwards  
Oh pull yourself backwards  
Oh slide from side to side  
Forces make us move around

**12 bar blues** - this is a really useful format for song creation. Below is Year 5 blues created by a Year 5 class at Canning Street Primary, Newcastle

I woke up this morning	Got to go to school
It's raining outside	And that ain't cool
Got my maths lesson	Which I don't like
But I'll do my best	To get it right
Creative writing	For my homework
I've got the Year 5 blues	

**Army Chant** - another useful format which most children will recognise. Example words by Sharon Durant

I don't care what people say	I don't care what people say
Classroom singing's here to stay	Classroom singing's here to stay
Sing it soft then sing it loud	Sing it soft then sing it loud
I'm a singer standing proud	I'm a singer standing proud
Sing up	Sing up
Sing down	Sing down
Count on then sing some more	One two three four

Army Chant written by a group of Year 6 boys based around their topic of the Romans

### Boudicca Chant

I don't know care what they all think,  
We're so good and they all stink!  
Those Romans should feel so scared,  
I can't believe they even dared!  
Come on!  
Bring it on!  
Those Romans will be all gone!  
Go on Queen Boudicca!

### Argument chant:

Boudicca: We're gonna send you across the sea,  
Suetonious: I'd rather you would burry me!  
B's guard: Boudicca is gonna win.  
S' guard: Feel the strength of my javlin!  
All: Let's start!  
All: This fight!  
All: We're gonna win this war outright!  
All: Let's go everyone!

### Attack!

### Suetonious Chant:

Throw your javlins in the air,  
Knock 'em down without a care.  
Every battle we shall win,  
Boudicca's going in the bin!  
Ready?  
Steady?  
We're gonna squish that Boudicca!  
Go Suetonious!